

12 October 1950

Mr. Richard McShane Kelly

[Redacted]

for

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I heard from [Redacted] that you wanted me to speak at a meeting of the New York Chapter of the Veterans of Strategic Services, and I have now received your letter of 5 October.

As you know, I have just taken on the job of Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and I am literally overwhelmed by the work to be done. Due to the present world situation and my newness in my job, I feel that I must devote my entire time and attention to this work. Accordingly, I have declined all outside speaking invitations and believe that, for at least the next six months, I will have to stick to this policy.

I would particularly like an opportunity to meet with the Veterans of Strategic Services, and I am extremely sorry that I am unable to accept your invitation.

Sincerely yours,

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WILLIAM H. JACKSON
Deputy Director of
Central Intelligence

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